

Jewell's Season Goes on with Bowl Game

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One poor half of football cost the William Jewell Cardinals a berth in the NAIA playoffs.

Outscored 29-0 in the second half of a 53-21 loss to Baker on Nov. 3, the Cardinals plummeted from second to 10th in the NAIA Division II ratings.

Jewell held out hope of making the playoffs after the 16 coaches making up the NAIA's rating committee were polled Sunday to determine the eight-team field.

Two teams above them in the final rankings had to be bumped either on the field Saturday or by the coaches Sunday for the Cardinals to be considered for a playoff berth. St. John's of Minnesota, the No. 7 team, dropped out after a 30-0 loss. Findlay of Ohio moved up from No. 9 to gain the last playoff berth and the Cardinals came up one short.

Jewell, which finished the season with a 9-1 record, had one consolation. The Cardinals received a bid from the Moila Shrine Bowl in St. Joseph to play Missouri Western, 6-4, on Nov. 24.

Bethany, which capped an unbeaten season with a 65-8 romp over Tabor Saturday night, headed the list of NAIA Division II playoff teams. The top-ranked Swedes, 10-0, will serve as host to Austin College of Texas, 9-1, at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Lindsborg, Kan.

Other match-ups Saturday find Midland Lutheran of Nebraska, 9-0,

area colleges

against Northwestern of Iowa, 8-1, at the Dakota Dome in Vermillion, S.D.; Pacific Lutheran (Wash.), 8-1, at California Lutheran, 7-1-1, and Jamestown (N.D.), 7-0, at Findlay, 7-1-1.

The NAIA office here said that teams are not seeded or pairings made for the playoffs. A school's willingness to serve as a host, crowd potential, weather, geographical proximity and travel are taken into consideration.

"We hope to make some money out of the playoffs, so we have to cut expenses where we can," an NAIA official said. "The way the quarterfinals are set up, we've got two bus rides and two plane trips."

Austin, which will travel by bus to the heart of Kansas from Sherman, Tex., near the Oklahoma state line, enjoyed its first winning season in 10 years. Larry Kramer, all-Big Eight offensive tackle at Nebraska in 1964, took over as coach last year and has been credited with turning the Austin program around.

Jewell's final grasp at a playoff spot resulted in a 49-14 romp over Grace-land. That earned the Cards a share of the Heart of America Conference championship with Baker, which downed Ottawa 23-6.

The Moila Shrine game committee had invited the H of A champion to oppose Missouri Western in its inaugu-

ral game. Thus the committee had to decide which co-champion it wanted. The vote was reported 3-2 in favor of William Jewell.

Baker's 29-point second-half outburst against Jewell could have cost the Wildcats the bowl spot. Already out of the NAIA playoff picture with three losses, Baker had hoped for the Moila Shrine Bowl invitation. And if Jewell had played Baker a closer game, the Cardinals would have been in the playoffs and Baker in the bowl game.

Bethany locked up the Kansas Conference championship while winning its 29th straight regular-season game. Bethany and Tabor had gone into the finale tied at 7-0 in the conference.

The Swedes flaunted their power by rolling up a 41-0 lead over the Bluejays with 9 minutes, 17 seconds remaining in the first half. Bethany used all its 75-man squad, including three quarterbacks.

Pittsburg State, headed for the Boot Hill Bowl, shared the Central States Intercollegiate Conference championship with Kearney State of Nebraska. The Gorillas blanked Emporia State 16-0 while Kearney won over Wayne State 24-7.

Pittsburg, 7-3, will play Peru State of Nebraska, 6-3, in the bowl game Saturday in Dodge City, Kan. Peru finished its regular season with a 27-20 loss to Doane. The game matches teams that

have met no common opponent and are in different divisions of the NAIA. Pittsburg is in Division I, Peru in Division II.

Washburn finished last in the Central States despite a 20-19 victory over Missouri Southern Saturday. Ron Hamilton, from West High School in Kansas City, caught seven passes for 102 yards for the Topekans.

Northwest Missouri, with the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association title clinched, fell to Southeast Missouri State 20-14. The Bearcats ended their season with a 6-5 record.

Southwest Missouri State mauled Northeast Missouri 48-0 and Missouri-Rolla topped Lincoln 24-7 in other MIAA games. Central Missouri went outside the conference and defeated Evangel 28-24 for its second on-the-field triumph. The Mules also have a forfeit victory.

Grid Cards Sign Hawkins To Replace Injured Lott

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals have signed free-agent running back Robert Hawkins to fill the roster position left vacant by rookie running back Thomas Lott, who suffered a leg injury last week.

The Cardinals said Hawkins, a 6-foot, 195-pound back out of Kentucky, was an eighth-round draft pick by Oakland this year and was released by the Raiders before the start of the season.